

classroom has been shown to do just that.

#### UTILITARIANISM BEAT DOWN HUMAN DIGNITY

(Mr. INGLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise to lament the fact that, today, in a stroke of a pen, utilitarianism beat down human dignity.

When President Obama lifted the ban on stem cell research additional lines, what he is saying really is that it's okay to kill some humans in order to improve the conditions of other humans. The problem with that is it devalues all humans when we say that you can kill some to benefit others.

We can do this research. We can do the more promising research on adult stem cells, and we can get to the place where we don't produce excess embryos. Other countries, Germany, for example, limits the number of fertilized eggs, but we produce excess embryos. We can stop that practice. We can also have adoptions of the existing excess embryos.

So Madam Speaker, it is a sad day when utilitarianism beats down human dignity. It's a sad day for America. This is a time when we should be, in a technological age, establishing bright-line tests so that we understand and preserve the dignity of human life. It's also not the interference of politics into science, but the bounding of science by ethics and morality.

#### MOURNING THE LOSS OF PASTOR FRED WINTERS

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, yesterday, in my district, and close to my hometown in Maryville, Illinois, Pastor Fred Winters lost his life to an assailant who came into the church during the first service.

Pastor Winters was a friend, and had done a tremendous job in growing First Baptist Church in Maryville to a church of great size and a great ministry in the area.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the community of Maryville, Illinois. My thoughts and prayers go out to the church and congregants of First Baptist Church in Maryville.

We live in an age of sinful human beings. Sometimes we don't understand God's will, but the people at First Baptist Church in Maryville are trying to make sense of an issue that doesn't make sense. All they do know is that God is in control, and that Pastor Winters is joined in heaven with Christ, his Lord.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of Jan-

uary 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### BORDER WAR IN HUDSPETH COUNTY AND CULBERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I bring you news from the second front. I'm talking about the front on the southern border of the United States with Mexico.

This past weekend, I had the opportunity to spend some time with two of the sheriffs of the Sheriff's Border Coalition. There are 20 counties in Texas that the sheriffs are members of the Border Coalition. And I spent time with two of those sheriffs, Sheriff Arvin West from Hudspeth County and Sheriff Oscar Carrillo of Culberson County. These two counties are directly east of El Paso County.

The size of these two counties put together are the size of Connecticut and Rhode Island put together. They're massive counties and sparsely populated. The sheriff in each of these counties and his deputies know everybody that lives in the county, unlike the Border Patrol, who come and go from the community. They never really know the people or the culture, or what takes place in those counties. But the border sheriffs and their deputies, since most of them grew up there and were born there, they know the people who should be there and those people that are outside, as they call them, "out-of-towners."

This past weekend, the Mexican Government sent 5,000 troops to Juarez, Mexico. That's the town across from El Paso. The reason is because of the drug cartels and the violence. Drug cartels are doing war with not only the United States, but they're doing war physically with the Mexican military. And it's so dangerous down there that Fort Bliss, which is across the river from Juarez, those soldiers that have been in Afghanistan and Iraq, are not permitted to go to Juarez. The State Department has warned Americans not to go to Juarez because of the danger of kidnappings and the violence that has occurred there all because of the drug cartels.

But going back to the two counties of Culberson County and Hudspeth County, the question keeps being asked, "Well, all that crime just stays there on the Mexican side, it never comes to the American side." Let me give you a

statistic, Madam Speaker, how all the border sheriffs have to fight the drug epidemic and the crimes of violence and the property crimes in their county.

Sheriff Arvin West, Hudspeth County, has two jails; one has 125 prisoners, the other one has 545 prisoners. And on Saturday night, every person in both of those jails except one was illegally in the United States. There was one citizen. And these people are not charged with immigration violations. They hadn't just been picked up for illegally entering the country. They had been arrested for crimes against the Federal Government, felonies and misdemeanors against the State of Texas. He said if he didn't have to keep arresting folks illegally coming into the country and committing crimes in his county, he could close his jail down because there was only one citizen in the whole county or in the county jails. And he said seldom does he have any local folks put in that jail.

So, yes, the border crime has come to the United States and will only get worse. But to show you how innovative these sheriffs are, these are poor counties, these are low-income counties where you've got hardworking people—sparsely populated, however—and so the sheriff have no budget for vehicles. Unlike the drug cartels that have Humvees, they have SUVs, pickup trucks, all of the things that they want. Border sheriffs—this sheriff especially—has no budget in the county for vehicles, so he has to confiscate drug vehicles—when he captures the bad guys with drugs—and then he uses those vehicles after they have been seized for his deputies. He has 20 vehicles that he uses for his 17 deputies, and he has two or three of these 18-wheelers.

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Yes, he's captured an 18-wheeler that's seized by the good guys against the bad guys, and on all of these vehicles, he puts this little notice down here on the bottom. It's on the bottom of this cab. It says semi-truck, \$80,000. The drugs were worth \$40,000. The bad guy got 10 years in the penitentiary, and the seizure of this vehicle is priceless. So that's how he runs his sheriff's department: with seized vehicles. I commend him for doing that.

It's important that we understand that the drug smugglers have more vehicles, better vehicles, more money, more men, and better equipment. They use GPS tracking devices to keep up with their drug loads. As I mentioned, they use Humvees. We have occurrences of the Mexican military helping move the drugs into these counties. Of course, Homeland Security denied that occurred. They said that didn't happen. But they didn't understand that Arvin West, Sheriff West, had the whole Mexican infiltration into his county on videotape, and once he videotaped it and showed it to Homeland Security, they said, well, maybe they are intruding and helping the drug cartels.